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Applicant: Jim Freid, et al.

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STABILIZING THE HUMAN SPINE

WITH A BONE PLATE

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With regard to the application identified above, Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the period for response to the Office Action mailed on October 5, 2006, by two months. Please charge Deposit Account No. 01-0025 in the amount of \$450.00 for the associated extension fee. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited, respectively, to the above numbered deposit account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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